

FISCAL NOTE

SB 2993 - HB 2790

February 5, 1998

SUMMARY OF BILL: Among other things, (1) increases the penalty from a Class C misdemeanor to a Class B misdemeanor for any person convicted of hunting, killing, trapping, ensnaring, or destroying, or attempting to hunt kill, trap, ensnare, or destroy, or to have in such person's possession any form of wildlife except subject to restrictions. (2) Increases the penalty from a Class A misdemeanor to a Class E felony for any person, firm, corporation, restaurant, club or hotel to barter, sell, transfer or offer for sale, purchase, or offer to purchase any wildlife except within the law, if the value is over \$500. (3) Allows TWRA to use automobiles, boats, airplanes or other vehicles confiscated for two years instead of one.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$4,400/Incarceration*

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Not Significant

Increase Local Govt. Revenue - Not Significant

Assumes one conviction every year for a Class E felony.

Impact depends upon the number of persons convicted of this offense and the resulting increased cost to local governments to confine such persons versus the increased revenues to local governments from fines levied and collected under the provisions of this bill.

**Section 9-6-119, TCA, requires that: For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James A. Davenport". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "J".

James A. Davenport, Executive Director